



STATE ADVISORY GROUP (SAG) MEETING
Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032
Monday, July 8, 2019
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m

Meeting Minutes

Participating Members:

Eric Ford, Vice Chair
Kara Aanenson
Kirsten Andersen
Marcus Bennett
Marone Brown
Meg Butler for Senator Justin Ready
Bruce Edwards
Kathy Estrada
Crystal Foretia (phone)
Musa Hammett
Annie Hansen-Combs (phone)
Elizabeth "Liz" Park (phone)
Gavin Patashnick
Heidi Rochon
Melanie Shapiro
Jonathan Shepherd
Darren Stephenson
Jennifer Winter (phone)

Guests:

Jason Szanyi, Center for Children's Law and Policy

Staff:

Glenn Fueston, Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention
Sabraya Knight, Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention
Jessica Wheeler, Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention
Bill Harper, Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention
William Jernigan, Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention

I. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 1:07 p.m. Members and guests introduced themselves.

Mr. Fueston presented Governor's Citations to members whose terms expired on June 30, 2019 and thanked them for serving on the State Advisory Group.

II. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Patashnick made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Shapiro seconded the motion. All members were in favor and the minutes were approved.

III. Baltimore City Diversion Assessment

Mr. Szanyi from the Center for Children's Law and Policy (CCLP) provided members with a presentation on the Youth Diversion Assessment that CCLP conducted. The assessment considered policies, practices, programs, and community as well as barriers to diversion. Several recommendations were made as a result of the assessment including policy development and structured decision making.

IV. Subcommittee Reports

a. Recruitment, Training, and Regionalization

Ms. Wheeler reported that the subcommittee continues to recruit and interview candidates to fill vacancies on the SAG. There are several candidates that are awaiting their appointment and will be on board in the near future.

b. Racial and Ethnic Disparities (RED)

Mr. Jernigan provided members with updates from the most recent DMC/RED Subcommittee meeting that took place on June 26th, 2019. His updates included information on the reauthorization of the JJDPa and the transition from Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) to Racial and Ethnic Disparities (RED). Some of the major changes regarding the transition from DMC to RED include the following: states are now required to provide specific data on race and ethnicity at each contact point, develop an annual action plan to reduce RED, and provide assurance that youth in the juvenile justice system are treated equitably on the basis of ethnicity, where it previously only required equitable treatment on the basis of gender, race, family income, and disability.

Next, Mr. Jernigan provided information on a presentation that the DMC/RED Subcommittee received from Pastor Sheryl Menendez of Light of the World Ministries in Anne Arundel County. In particular, Pastor Menendez's presentation illustrated how faith-based organizations can contribute to RED reduction efforts. Her organization provides safe places for youth in disadvantaged communities through youth Clubhouses located in Glen Burnie and Annapolis. Also, this organization provides Family

Strengthening programs, after school programs in five middle schools in Anne Arundel County, a Food Bank, and a host of other services that support youth and families in their jurisdiction.

Lastly, Mr. Jernigan informed SAG members that the 2019 Coalition for Juvenile Justice's National DMC/RED Conference will take place in Arizona during the later part of November 2019. More details will be shared once they become available.

c. Emerging Leaders

Ms. Foretia provided members with an update on the School Police Report Card project, an effort to find discrepancies in interactions between youth of color and School Resource Officers. Under the project, a multiple-choice survey would be disseminated to high school students in Maryland requesting a rating of interactions between students and SROs.

d. Legislative

No Updates.

V. Updates

a. Compliance Monitoring

Bill Harper provided the members with an update on the recent audit conducted by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). Mr. Harper explained that the OJJDP auditor visited seven facilities monitored under the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act. The auditor was very impressed with Maryland's system of monitoring and had no findings or recommendations. Mr. Harper encouraged members to join him on his remaining site visits for the fiscal year and provided an update on the number of violations incurred in the first six months of the federal fiscal year.

b. Grants

Jessica Wheeler announced that Sabraya Knight has been promoted from intern to Program Manager and she will be the point of contact for the Title II funding stream. Ms. Knight provided members with the final allocations that were made by jurisdiction. Additional details will be made available to the grant monitoring subcommittee.

c. Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Several members and staff attended and presented at the Coalition for Juvenile Justice's Annual Conference in June. Members were provided with an overview of the conference and various workshops that were attended.

Additionally, Ms. Shapiro announced that the next Federal Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice (FACJJ) has been scheduled for July 18 and will be live streamed. Once additional details are made available by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention they will be disseminated to SAG members.

VI. Adjournment

Mr. Patashnick made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ms. Shapiro. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2019 at 100 Community Place, Crownsville, MD 21032.